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SAMPERS COUNTY CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT

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MONTANA TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, SANDERS COUNTY

STATE OF MONTANA,

Cause No: DC-14-23

Plaintiff,

**INFORMATION** 

VS.

DIANE M. KNERR,

Defendant.

Nick Mazanec, Special Assistant Attorney General and Special Deputy Sanders County

Attorney, as attorney for the State of Montana, accuses the Defendant, Diane Knerr, of the crimes of

COUNT I – THEFT BY INSURANCE FRAUD, common scheme, a felony, in violation of Mont.

Code Ann. §§ 33-1-1202(1), 33-1-1211(2), and 45-6-301(6)(a), and punishable by imprisonment in

a state prison for a term not to exceed 10 years and a fine not to exceed \$50,000; and COUNT II –

FORGERY, common scheme, a felony, in violation of Mont. Code Ann. § 45-6-325(1)(a), and

punishable by imprisonment in a state prison for a term not to exceed 20 years and a fine not to

exceed \$50,000. The crimes were committed in Sanders County, Montana, as follows:

COUNT I – On or about April 12, 2011, through on or about January 5, 2013, the

Defendant, for the purpose of obtaining money, knowingly presented falsified massage therapy

billing sheets to the Hartford Insurance Company in support of claims for payment under an insurance policy, and received an aggregate of \$6,950 from the false claim submissions.

COUNT II – On or about April 12, 2011, through on or about January 5, 2013, the

Defendant knowingly and with the purpose to defraud the Hartford Insurance Company made or
altered massage therapy billing sheets so that they appeared to have been made by the

Defendant's massage therapists, and delivered the billing sheets to the insurer.

A list of possible witnesses for the State now known to the prosecution is as follows:

- 1. Neil Brunett, Investigator, Office of the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI);
- 2. Mike Anderson, former Chief Investigator, CSI;
- 3. Michael Morrell, The Hartford Insurance Company;
- 4. Michelle McMurray, The Hartford Insurance Company;
- 5. Craig Fairfield, National Insurance Crime Bureau;
- 6. Robert Kaiser, Trout Creek, Montana;
- 7. Lillian Georgi, Trout Creek, Montana;
- 8. Allison Robbins, Trout Creek, Montana.

DATED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2014.

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